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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY  
EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF  
THE LICENSE OF

JOSEPHINE ABRAM, P.T.A.  
LICENSE NO. 40QB00041300

TO PRACTICE PHYSICAL THERAPY  
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER  
OF DISCIPLINE

This matter came before the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners upon information that the respondent has failed to complete a total of thirty (30) credits of continuing education in approved physical therapy courses during the period of February 1, 2010 through January 31, 2012, as required for the 2012-2014 biennial license renewal pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.18 (a) 10 and N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9.1 et. seq. Based upon information received and which the Board has reviewed, the following preliminary findings are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Josephine Abram ("Respondent") is a physical therapist assistant in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.

2. On the 18th day of January, 2012 the respondent submitted her completed application for renewal of license as a physical therapist assistant in the State of New Jersey.

3. The respondent answered negatively to question #5: "Will you have completed the required continuing education by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012?"

4. On June 20, 2012, the Board received a letter from the respondent stating that she failed to complete the continuing education credits because she was involved in "job transitions" and had "health problems" during the period in question.

#### CONCLUSION OF LAW

Respondent has not satisfied the requirements of N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.18 (a) 10 and N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9.1 et. seq. with regard to the completion of the appropriate number of approved continuing education credit hours and is therefore subject to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h), failure to comply with the provisions of an act or regulation administered by the Board, which constitutes grounds for suspension or revocation of any certificate, registration or license, and grounds for sanction pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25.

#### DISCUSSION

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline ("POD") was entered on February 12, 2013, and served upon the Respondent at the last known address by regular and certified mail.

The POD was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30<sup>th</sup> business day following entry unless Respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law by submitting a written report for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting Respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

On March 11, 2013 a check was received from Respondent in the amount of \$750 in satisfaction of the penalty imposed in the POD. No additional submissions of continuing education

credits were submitted with the correspondence.

THEREFORE, IT IS ON THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF November, 2014,

**ORDERED:**

1. Respondent paid a civil penalty of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00) as imposed by the POD entered on February 13, 2013.

2. Respondent must submit proof of having completed the requisite thirty (30) hours of continuing education credits within ninety (90) days of the date of the receipt of the Final Order. It is noted by the Board that the respondent has already submitted ten (10) hours of continuing education credits toward this total. Thus the respondent has 20 credits outstanding that must be completed within 90 days from the filing date of the final order in this matter. **These continuing education credits are NOT to be used to renew respondent's license for the 2014-2016 renewal period.**

3. In the event that respondent fails to present the proofs as required by paragraph #2, by the date provided, the license of respondent shall be suspended, by operation of the Final Order, and shall remain suspended until respondent submits proof that she has fully complied with all continuing education requirements.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD  
OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

By: Karen Wilk PT, DPT 400A00560106  
Karen Wilk, P.T., D.P.T.  
Chair

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